Grant of licences for manufacturing ..of insecticides etc

†1405. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Harbicides being produced in the country alongwith the names of the manufacturing companies and their installed capacity;

(b) the names of the firms alongwith the products which have been granted letter of Intent/Industrial Licences for manufacturing of technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides etc. during the last two years; and

(c) the names of the parties alongwith the products whose applications are pending for grant of letter of Intent/Industrial Licences for manufacturing of technical grade of Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): Information in reply to parts (a), (b) and (c) is given in the attached statements No. I. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 68]. II [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 69] and III [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 70].

Government participation in the Haldia Petro-Chemical complex

†1406. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider their earlier decision and participate in the equity holding of the proposed Haldia Petrochemical Complex sponsored by the West Bengal Government; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

†Previously Unstarred Question 824, transferred from 24th April, 1987.

‡Previously Unstarred Question 713 transferred from the 23rd April, 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Decision was taken and communicated to the State Government of West Bengal on 6.7.84 that it would not be possible for the Central Government to participate in this project owing to resource constraints. The position remains the same.

Import of technology

1407. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently announced measures to liberalise import of technology and investment from abroad for further development of India's industrial capabilities;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the reasons for import thereof from foreign countries;

(c) what are the names of new foreign companies which have shown their interest to instal industries in India; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Government had recently eshanced the delegated powers of the Administrative Ministries to accord approvals for foreign collaboration proposals. Under the new procedure an Administrative Ministry can now decide the foreign collaboration proposals which do not involve foreign exchange outgo of more than Rs. one crore, in the aggregate, in terms of knowhow and royalty as compared to Rs. 50 lakhs earlier. Besides, as a further liberalisation of import of technology, Government have decided to allow higher rate of royalty and foreign equity in Indian companies where technology is sophisticated and closely guarded.